**Statement**

*Statement of Kala-Azar cases and Deaths during 1993*

| Sl. No. | Affected District | 1993 (Prov.) Cases | Deaths |
|---|---|---|---|
| | *West Bengal* | | |
| 1. | Malda | 44 | — |
| 2. | Murshidabad | 157 | — |
| 3. | West Dinajpur | — | — |
| 4. | 24-Paraganas (N) | 94 | — |
| 5. | 24-Paraganas (S) | 11 | 1 |
| 6. | Nadia | — | — |
| 7. | Hooghly | — | — |
| 8. | Burdwan | — | — |
| 9. | Darjeeling | — | — |
| 10. | Dakshin Dinajpur | 27 | — |
| | TOTAL—West Bengal (Upto April. '93 | 333 | 1 |
| | GRAND TOTAL (Prov.) | 23413 | 387 |

**Grant of Equipment for Quit Qutab Shah Diagnostic Centre of A.P.**

3953. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the AP. Government propose for grant of equipment for Quli Qutab Shah Diagnostic Centres of AP. under Technical Co-operation programme of Government of Japan: and

(b) if so. the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):
(a) and (b) The proposal of the Government of Andhra Pradesh in this behalf has been posed to the Japanese Authorities, whose response is awaited.

**World Bank Report Regarding Custom of Female Genital Mutilation**

3954. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent World Bank Report with regard to the custom of female genital mutilation being practiced among the minorities in India:

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to make ■ any study in this regard: and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B SHANKARANAND):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government does not have any information on the subject.

**Import of Medical Electronic Instruments and Equipments for Cancer Treatment**

3955. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKF.R DAVE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the field of medical electronics is making rapid strides and several new and highly useful instruments have been introduced both in the diagnostic and therapeutic areas, and if so, what are the details of important instruments being introduced in the Indian hospitals;

(b) what are the details of the measures being taken by Government to enable deserving public and private hospitals acquire the lat st medical-electronic instruments and equipments for cancer treatment without paying c«t-toms duty:

(c) the number of application from hospitals for issuing them certificates for exemption from customs duty are pending with the Health Ministry and how many have been approved for the past four months, and the details of the equipment sought to be imported in each case; and

(d) whether Government consider disposing pending cases and allow cancer hospitals import cancer cure equipment without customs duty?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir. The details of some major medical electronic equipments introduced in the hospitals are as under:

(i) C.T. Scanner.